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| Hiromichi AKIMOTO et al. |) | Examiner: A.M. Ragonese |
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| FREEZE-DRYING FOODSTUFFS, |) | |
| MEDICAMENTS, AND SO FORTH) |) | |

AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's November 15, 2002,
Office Action, please amend as follows:

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